

Safety Committee
April 14, 2008
5:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order: Present for Roll Call was Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon (Chair) and Mrs. Turner. Also in attendance were Ms. Hoover and Mr. Peoples.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bender moved to approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting. Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

VOTES	AYES	Dr. Bender, Ms. Mershon, Ms. Turner
	NAYS	
		Motion carried.

Pended Items: None

New Items for Discussion:

08-02 Naming of the pond/park on Howe Parkway

Mr. Peoples explained that there is an area on Howe Parkway that was once part of the Susan Howe property that is a low lying area and holds water. When Dublin Building Systems purchased the Howe property, it was made into a storm water detention basin. There is some wildlife that frequents the area and the staff is trying to enhance that. Several species of fish were purchased to stock the pond and measures are being taken to keep it in its natural state with no-mow areas. To further their attempts, the staff suggests naming the pond area Howe Pond Park.

Mrs. Turner will sponsor the legislation.

Mrs. Turner moved to bring the issue in front of full Council. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTES	AYES	Dr. Bender, Ms. Mershon, Ms. Turner
	NAYS	
		Motion carried.

08-03 Naming of the “park” by the covered bridge

Mr. Peoples gave an overview of the area being discussed and gave an overview of plans for further development; including more walking paths, a possible gazebo and lighting for the area. The name “James H. Kelly III Park” was suggested to honor a former co-worker who passed away in late 2007. James was a dedicated employee who loved the outdoors and was always volunteering to help Dick Miller out with work in this area.

Dr. Bender will sponsor the legislation.

Dr. Bender moved to bring this to full Council and Mrs. Turner seconded the motion.

VOTES	AYES	Dr. Bender, Ms. Mershon, Ms. Turner
	NAYS	
		Motion carried

08-04 Pedestrian Crosswalks and the appropriate signage

Councilman Jarvis had requested that this item be put on the Safety Committee agenda. Discussion ensued about the laws regarding pedestrian crosswalks, who has the right of way and striping.

08-05 Clean Ohio Green Space Program Application

Mr. Peoples explained the Clean Ohio Grant Program. This is the same program that funded the purchase of the George Bareis Nature Preserve portion of the Walnut Creek Park. Staff has come up with a property, on which they would like to use these funds. The Boekoff property, located on the west side of Gender Road, north of Groveport Road, would be an ideal location for parkland. A few years ago, a developer wanted to come into this location with a strip mall. This could be avoided in the future. Mr. Peoples explained, however, that this program would require that the land be a passive park and would also require that it stay that way in perpetuity. All were in agreement with the idea. No action was needed.

Fairfield County Sheriff’s Report: Not present

Community Affairs Report:

Ms. Hoover reported that the Canal Winchester Pool Opens May 27th

Hours of operation will be:

May 27 – June 6

Monday-Friday 4pm-8pm

Saturday & Sunday 12pm-8pm

June 7 – August 27

Monday-Saturday 11am-8pm

Sundays 12pm-8pm

Membership presales will be held on Saturday May 24 and Sunday May 25 from 11am until 4pm. Memberships can also be purchased during regular pool hours.

Ms. Hoover also stated that the pool will be painted before the opening date, but they are waiting for the weather to cooperate and give them 5 days of appropriate conditions to start the process.

Old/New Business:

Ms. Mershon began talking about the status and future of the Joint Recreation District. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Peoples reported that the Village will be having a National Incident Management System training exercise where we will have a mock disaster to test our Emergency Operations Plan. This exercise is to be held at the Madison Township Fire Station #182 on Gender Road.

Mrs. Mershon and Mrs. Turner expressed their intentions of going as observers.

Adjournment

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Turner.

VOTES	AYES	Dr. Bender, Ms. Mershon, Ms. Turner
	NAYS	
	Motion carried	

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.